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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/759,496 for PHOTOTHERMAL
DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACID HYBRIDIZATION
Our File No. 297/178/2

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. Amendment Transmittal Form with Petition for Extension of Time (1 page);
2. Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (22 pages) and Exhibit A (8 pages);
3. Check in the amount of \$460.00; and
4. A return-receipt card to be returned to our offices with the U.S. Patent and Trademark filing stamp thereon.

A check in the amount of \$460.00 is enclosed. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account No. 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

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Invention: Photothermal Detection of Nucleic Acid Hybridization

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	45	MINUS	45	0	\$50	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	0	\$210	\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0.00

X Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of 2/26/2008 to and through July 28, 2008, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

_____ one month (\$120.00) _____ three months (\$1,050.00)
X two months (\$460.00) _____ four months (\$1,640.00)

_____ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

_____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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